

## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be re-examined.

The November 30, 2009, Office Action ("Office Action") rejected Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as their invention. The specific grounds for the rejection were the inclusion of the words "the data" in the last line of Claim 4. Remarks accompanying this rejection note that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim and that the claim is not specific as to whether the data that is to be sent is data that is generated from the biometric information or other data that is generated to send after user authentication. In this regard, Claim 4 has been amended to address this rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 4, as amended, obviates this ground of rejection. As a result, it will not be further discussed.

The Office Action also objected to Claim 1 due to its use of both the term "network connection function" and the term "network connection means." This amendment addresses this objection by changing both terms to network connector. Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment obviates this ground of rejection and, thus, it will not be further discussed.

The Office Action also rejected Claims 1–3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0214779 ("Socolofsky") taken in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0005336 ("Poo"). Claims 5–6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Socolofsky and Poo taken further in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0157959 ("Makela"). Finally, Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable taken in view of the teachings of Socolofsky and Poo taken further in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent

Application Publication No. 2002/0186838 ("Brandys"). While applicants respectfully disagree with the foregoing grounds of rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Claim 1, the only independent claim in this application, has been amended to better distinguish the claimed subject matter from the teachings of the cited and applied references, in particular, Socolofsky.

Prior to discussing in detail why applicants believe that all of the claims in this application are patentable in view of the teachings of the cited and applied references, a brief description of the disclosed subject matter and brief descriptions of the teachings of the cited and applied references are provided. The following discussions of the disclosed subject matter and the cited and applied references are not provided to define the scope or interpretation of any of the claims of this application. Instead, these discussions are provided solely to assist the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in recognizing the differences between the pending claims and the cited references and should not be construed as limiting on the disclosed subject matter.

#### Disclosed Subject Matter

A portable personal server device suitable for functioning as a server when connected to an external network is disclosed. The portable personal server device comprises a local server, a network server, memory, a messaging API, an individual authenticator, and a control. The local server processes data between the portable personal server device and a communication terminal equipped with a local network connector suitable for connection to the portable personal server device. The network server processes data between the portable personal server device and an external device through an external network connected to the communication terminal by the communication terminal's local network connector. The memory stores an operating system for controlling the data processing operations of the local server and the network server. The memory also stores application services executable by the communication terminal and other

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	World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed):	
II-1-3	Priority document received at the International Bureau on:	24 September 2004 (24.09.2004)
II-1-4	Priority document submitted or transmitted in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b) (only where priority document was received at the International Bureau):	Yes
II-1-5	Applicant has requested the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document in compliance with Rule 17.1(b) (only where no priority document was received at the International Bureau):	Not applicable
II-1-6	Priority claim withdrawn by a notice from the applicant (date on which withdrawal became effective; if the notice of withdrawal was received by the International Bureau after completion of technical preparations for international publication, such withdrawal will not have been reflected in the pamphlet) (Rule 90bis.3):	Not applicable
II-1-7	Declaration by the receiving Office or the International Bureau that priority claim is considered, for the purposes of the procedure under the Treaty, not to have been made (date of declaration) (Rule 26bis.2(b)):	Not applicable
<b>III - INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT</b>		
III-1	International Searching Authority carrying out the international search:	ISA/JP
III-2	International search report or declaration under Article 17 (2)(a) received by the International Bureau:	Yes
III-3	Corrected version(s) of the international search report (if any) received by the International Bureau:	Not applicable
<b>IV - REFERENCE TO DEPOSITED BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL</b>		Not applicable
<b>V - INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION</b>		
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<b>VI - INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (CHAPTER I)</b>		
VI-1	International preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) issued by the International Bureau on:	Not applicable
VI-2	Corrected version(s) of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) (if any) issued by the International Bureau on:	Information not available for inclusion in this IASF
<b>VII - INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION</b>		
VII-1	A demand electing the State(s) for which the Office acts as an elected Office has been received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (where the elected Office is a regional Office, indication of the State(s) elected in respect of which the Office acts as an elected Office):	No

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